

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application:

Claim 1 (Original) The magnesium salt of *S*-omeprazole trihydrate.

Claim 2 (Presently amended) The magnesium salt of *S*-omeprazole trihydrate according to claim 1, wherein the compound is in a ~~characterized by being~~ highly crystalline form.

Claims 3-13 (Cancelled)

Claim 14 (Presently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the magnesium salt of *S*-omeprazole trihydrate according to claim 1 or 2 ~~any of claims 1-3~~ as active ingredient in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier ~~and optionally other therapeutic ingredients~~.

Claim 15 (Cancelled)

Claim 16 (Cancelled)

Claim 17 (New) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 14 further comprising one or more therapeutically active ingredients.

Claim 18 (New) A method of treating a gastric acid related condition which method comprises administering to a subject suffering from said condition a therapeutically effective amount of the magnesium salt of *S*-omeprazole trihydrate according to claim 1 or 2.